

Working for GT and being the page editor was a perfect getaway from my hectic study schedule. Writing, editing and re-editing brought out the journalist in me.

Aakanksha Reddy, AIS MV, X A



An Olympic Rendezvous

GT reporters, take you on an exclusive Olympic ride with the Indian Olympians who kept the Indian flag flying high in London



India's Olympic glory

Pankhuri Agrawal, AIS MV, XI B

Although Olympics 2012 has just concluded, its fervour rages on in India with two silvers and four bronze in its proud kitty. The finest ever medal tally by the Indian Olympians invited a befitting reception of the heroes. Shuttle Saina Nehwal, ace shooters Gagan Narang & Vijay Kumar, wrestling stars Sushil Kumar & Yogeshwar Dutt and boxing champ Mary Kom were given a rousing recep-

tion and were felicitated at Taj Man Singh Palace on August 17, 2012 by electronic giant Samsung in a glittering ceremony. The event began with the address of V K Malhotra, President of the Indian Olympic Association. Thereafter, the Olympians shared their success stories. Asked whether the injury sustained during a bout hampered his chances of winning, Yogeshwar Dutt said, "I hurt my eye badly during a match, but the pain



Saina with GT reporter Pankhuri

vanished after I won the medal for my country."

Now it was the turn of super Saina to dazzle the crowd with her smile and speak about her successful hiatus at London. "Bronze feels great but I want to change the colour of my medal," she said. Taking a potshot, boxer Mary Kom said that not only women but men also have a successful stint after marriage if they have a supportive spouse and family.

As the youngest reporters among the swarming media, the GT reporters, dressed in their school uniforms, attracted the attention of Narang, Nehwal and appreciative nods from journalists.

NE EXODUS

Aakanksha Reddy, AIS MV, X A

How it all began

Assam has been an exemplary melting pot of various groups- Bodos, Muslims, Gorkhas in an exemplary way. However, on July 19, 2012, two Bangladeshi immigrants were killed in the state. Reports claim that the migrants tried to assert themselves on the local Bodo inhabitants, resulting in the killing of four Bodo Liberation Tigers group members in Kokrajhar, Assam. The Bodos retaliated by attacking the members of the minority community that led to exodus of North Easterners.

members of minority community destroyed the Amar Jawan Jyoti Memorial. On August 17, the mob went on a rampage in Lucknow.

The Pakistan link

Following the government ban on bulk SMSes, the MMSes that led to the exodus of people from North East were traced to Islamabad. The MMSes reportedly morphed images of the victims of Cyclone Nargis into North Easterners affected by the clash. Nearly 30,000 people of NE origin fled from Bangalore after the MMSes created panic.

NORTHEAST BURNING

Unity for progress

Clashes of these kind are a big threat to India's secular fabric and unity. Kanupriya, AIS MV, X says, "India must dissolve all divides and unite if they want to progress."

Wildfire spreads

As a repercussion the violence spread to the other parts of India including Mumbai where the mob consisting of

A Bodo refugee amidst chaos



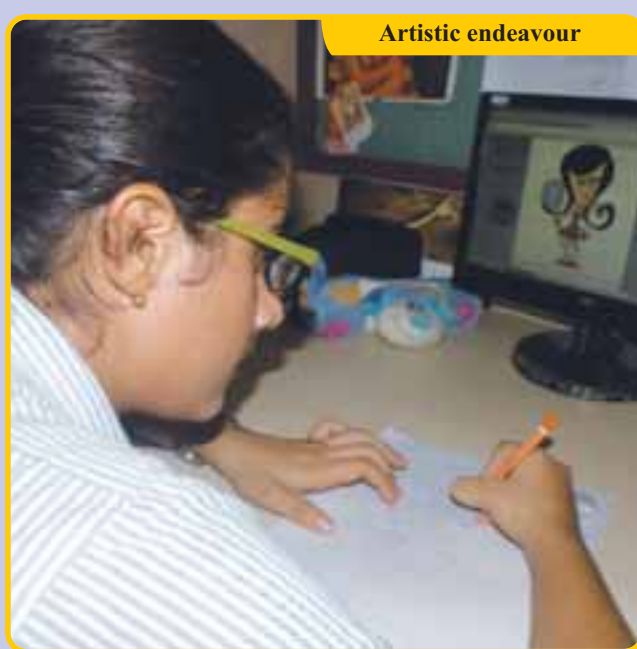
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I see, I report



Thinking glasses



Artistic endeavour



Wordsmith at work



Friendship, pride, smiles



Novel rendezvous with GT gave me memories *khatti meethi*.
Ishani Goomer, X A, AIS MV, Page Editor

Going the extra mile

Extra curricular activities introduce you to a whole new world of possibilities. Check out some of them...



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Apoorva Pandey, AIS MV, XI D

Extra curricular activities (ECA), have been condemned more often than not. They become a ground for missing classes, deviated attention from academics and what not. Snap out of it. Going the extra mile with ECA offers a string of benefits.

Ad-mission

If you think that only your marks in board exams would help you make it to DU, well, update yourself! The ECA quota offers a 15% relaxation to students who excel in activities like dance, music, sports and the like. Here 25% weightage is given to certificates, where the candi-



dates have won or participated in competitions and 75% is given to trials.

Foreign goals

Most foreign college applications ask about your ECA. That's because your extra curriculars reveal a lot about you, in ways that grades and test scores can't. Medhavi Arora, alumnus, AIS Noida, now a student of Journalism at the University of Hong Kong says, "Participating in MUNs and exchange programmes helped me get into HKU. It makes for an impressive college application."

Friendly ties

Be it MUNs, basketball matches or science Olympiads ... being around with others having similar interests paves way for long-lasting friendships. Ishita Bedi, GT Reporter and a student of AIS MV shares, "GT introduced me to so many people through the summer camp, youth power, editorial meets and events. Today, I can say that I have met my best friends through GT."

Personality boost

ECA enable you to work as a team player, boost your overall confidence and also up your social skills. In addition, they help channelise energy positively. "Extra curriculars are very important to a student. It not only adds value to your personality but also builds up your confidence level," quips Taruna Barthwal, Career counseling resource coordinator, ACCGC. [GT](#)

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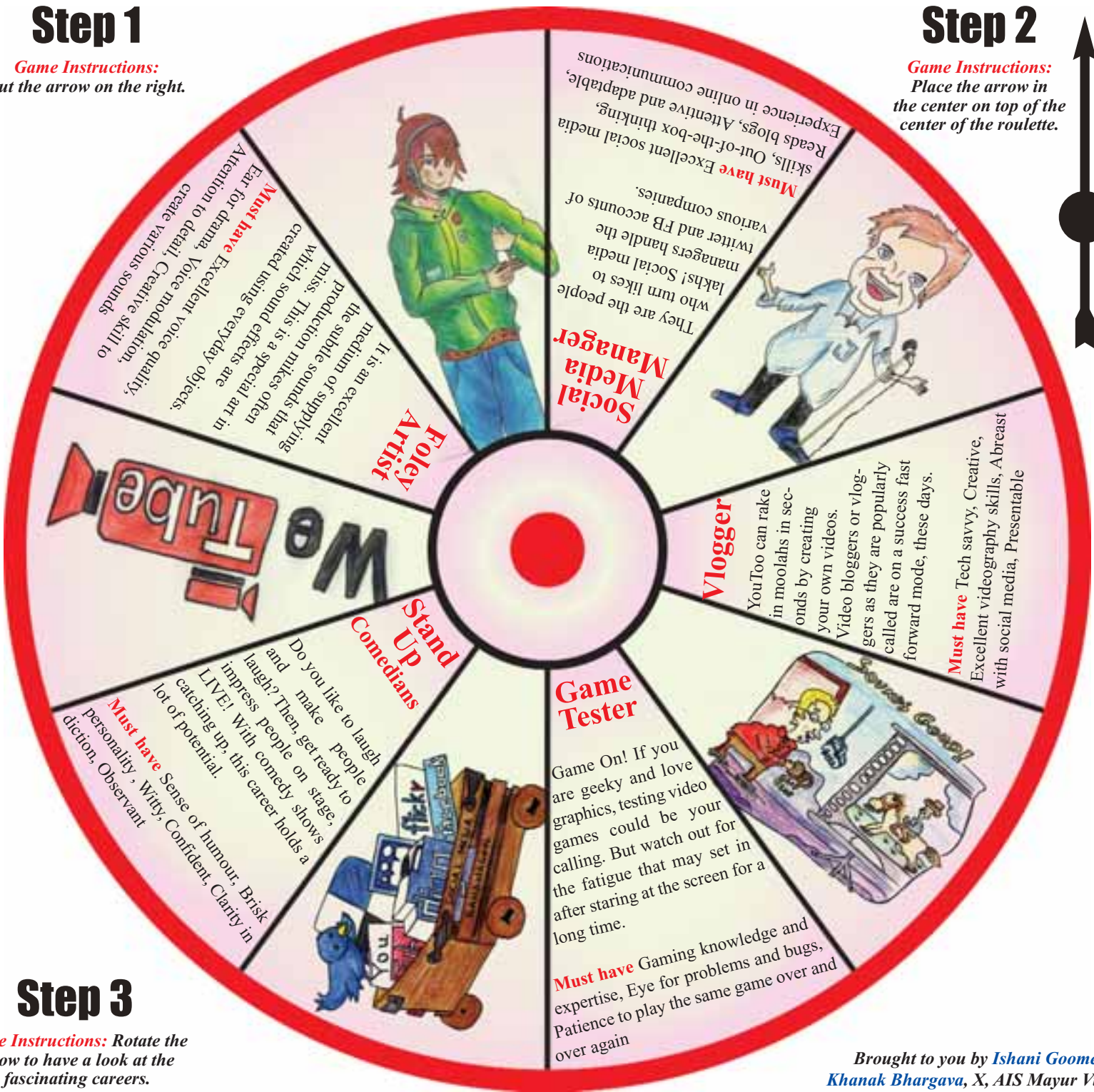
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(S)killer headphones

Models: Rishik Sood (L) & Ankin Sanghu, VII E; Pic: Shashwat Das, AIS MV, VIII B



Shantanu Chandra, VIII D & Rishik Sood, VII C, AIS MV

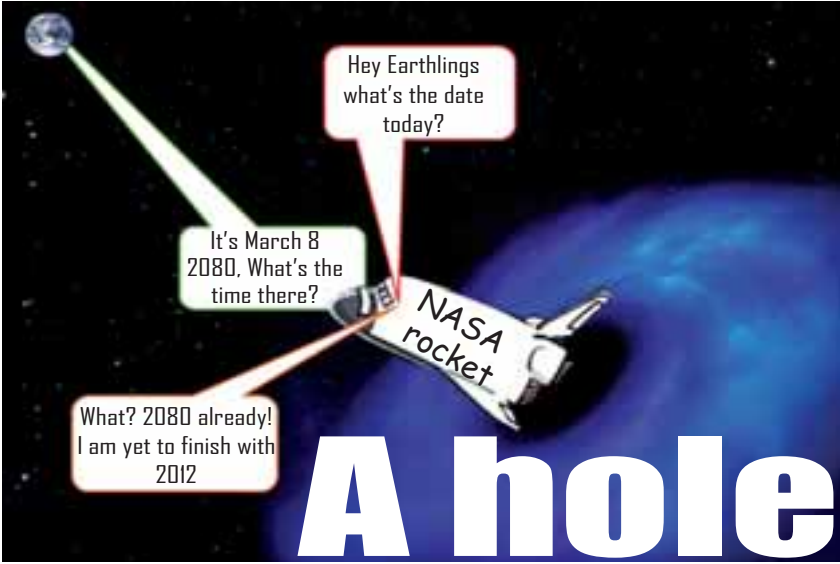
Think music, think headphones. The most commonly used product by all the music lovers come with its own share of skills and kills.

Here's taking a look:

Skills: ■Be it metro, school bus, air-plane, picnic, library, coffee shop etc, the headphones grant you complete privacy and also lets you respect others. ■They help you to converse with your

buddies and mates on Skype and Face-book (video chat), besides it does not require a large amount of energy to run. ■No matter what chit-chat happens around, simply plug them on and there's an instant noise pollution block. ■They are easy-to-use, highly portable, and light as a feather.

Kills: ■There is a higher chance of meeting with an accident when you are listening to music with your headphones on than in case of drunken driving. ■Using them can result in ear pain, back ache and also increase the production of bacteria by 700% within half an hour. ■Earphones have been seen to cause interference with medical devices such as pacemakers and defibrillators causing disfunction and death ■Listening to music through headphones while exercising can be dangerous. Blood circulation may be diverted from the ears to the limbs leaving the inner ear more vulnerable to damage from loud sound. ■Using headphones tether the user to the music source. While using wireless headphones is a handy option, they generally aren't very easy to use. 🇮🇳



A hole in the galaxy

GT Classroom

Navjot Singh, AIS MV, XI A

Our curiosity often stumbles upon the enigmatic blackhole. Here's unraveling the conundrum.

What are Blackholes?

A blackhole is a region where gravity prevents anything and everything, from escaping. They are formed when the giant stars that have reached the final stage of their life explode and scatter, leaving behind a cold remnant. The star's light gets trapped because of its own gravitational pull and hence the dark star takes shape of a blackhole. A budding blackhole shrinks to a zero volume and become infinitely dense.

Can Earth be pulled into Blackhole?

Matter must pass very close to a black-

hole in order to be pulled into it. The closest blackhole to Earth, Cygnus X-1 is located about 8000 light years away. So, don't worry we are not doomed.

What's the Time Paradox?

If you were to station yourself just outside a blackhole, while you would find your own watch ticking at the normal rate, you would see the watch of a friend at great distance from you to be ticking much faster. The effect will be opposite for your friend. So if you stayed just outside the blackhole for a while and then went back to join your friend, you would find that your friend has aged more than you had, during your separation!

Is it ever going to end?

Blackholes emit small amounts of radiation. This reduces their mass and energy because of which they are eventually expected to vanish! 🇮🇳

Sports

Howzatt!?!

India's Olympic gAIMS

India is basking in Olympic 2012 glory. Ever since its inception our athletes are doing the nation proud by clinching medals and accolades. Here's taking a glimpse of the victorious journey so far...

Siddhant Nair
AIS Mayur Vihar, X A

Ever since the inception of the modern Olympic games in 1896, there has been an atmosphere of excitement surrounding it. Every Olympics is eagerly awaited for, every one is in a cheer mode, encouraging the athletes of their respective countries. Here is a look at some of the greatest Olympians India has ever produced:

Golden era of Indian Hockey

There was only one word to describe India's style of hockey at previous Olympics- Magical. India was almost assured of a win whenever they took to the field. India won 6 consecutive gold medals in the Olympics from 1928-1964. The most famous and most controversial of them all being in 1936 at the Berlin Olympics. People said that Captain Dhyhan Chand was so skilled that his hockey stick was practically invisible to the naked eye. The final was between India and Germany, with even Hitler in attendance. It is rumoured that he secretly changed Dhyhan Chand's hockey stick before the game, but India was simply too good. It was a completely one sided game India beat Germany 8-1 in the finals, winning the gold medal.



Graphic: Raghav Paul, IX A, AIS MV

So Near Yet so Far

The 1960 Rome Olympics, saw India's greatest sprinters, the flying Sikh – Milkha Singh achieve new milestones. He was the revelation of 1960 Olympics. Doing exceedingly well at the preliminary rounds, in the final he

started of well but lost the 3rd Position by 1/10th of a second. Déjà vu struck the Indians at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics when India's new sensation P T Usha lost the bronze medal by 1/100th of a second in the women's 400m hurdles. History had repeated it-

self. Twice in 20 years India had lost the bronze medal by a whisker.

The Dawn of a new era

India suffered a medal drought for 8 years straight. It was then that the thought that the fall of Indian sports was

inevitable took root. But when the going got tough the tough got going. It all started when Leander Paes won the bronze medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. What followed was the emergence of stars like Karnam Malleswari, Colonel Rathore, Vijender Singh etc. India even won its first individual Gold medal in 2008 when Abhinav Bindra won the gold in the 10m air rifle.

London 2012 and looking ahead

London Olympics was the platform where the Indian contingent was the strongest India had ever sent in the past 50 years. Though, Indian athletes couldn't clinch any gold medal, the season saw many athletes like Mary Kom (Boxer), Sushil Kumar (Wrestler), Gagan Narang (Shooter) etc do the nation proud and few others like Saina Nehwal (Shuttler), Vijay Kumar (Shooter) and Yogeshwar Dutt (Wrestler) bagging their first ever Olympic medals. Winning a total of 6 medals (2 silver and 4 bronze), the nation set a record of maximum number of medals win in Olympics till date. Future of Indian sports is very bright, all thanks to the wide international exposure and growing interest of youngsters in sports. Wishing India many more Olympic wins and new track records. 🇮🇳



Working with GT was real fun. I enjoyed being the page editor.
Kopal Gupta, X A, AIS MV, Page Editor

If you thought your personality can't show up until you want, then you better watch out. **Kopal Gupta, X A, AIS MV**, brings you a quick review of your personality based on your favourite colour, the way you doodle and doze off

COLOURS

Whether you are a vibrant Orange, or a peaceful Blue, your colour preferences are a key to understanding your personality. Check out what your favourite colour tells about you.



White: You are much like a white dove symbolising purity, innocence and naïveté. You are often at peace with yourself.

Red: This one is often chosen by someone who is outgoing, aggressive and impulsive. These people like to set high standards for themselves.

Yellow: This is the colour of the fun loving and adventurous. They have a good sense of humour.

Orange: The colour symbolises a fun-loving, social and out-

going personality, full of life.

Green: If you love green, you love nature. A colour of harmony and balance, this colour is liked by the sincere and gentle.

Blue: You may tend to be egoistic and opinionated sometimes, but you are well aware of your responsibilities.

Black: You are an impressive personality without being showy. You may seem to be mysterious sometimes.

DOODLE

Doodling is an involuntary action facilitated by our finger muscles when we have any writing device in our hand like pen, pencil, etc. Not to forget, something to doodle upon is also a necessity like a paper, bed sheets, walls (well, this wasn't meant to remind you of the slap that you received as a three year old).

Zigzags: A very common doodle,

they show an enthused personality.

Spirals and circles: These express a confused soul.

Arrows: They reflect a very determined and ambitious person for whom target is really important.

Fluffy clouds: These people have a strong sense of freedom.

Stars: They represent an avid personality, and like to think big.

SLEEPING POSITIONS

Did you know that the way you sleep reflects your personality? So, the next time you are lying on your bed, ready to doze off, pay attention to the way your body has positioned itself.

Lying on the side, curled up: This position defines a 'tough on the outside but sensitive at heart' personality.

Lying on the side, straight:



These sleepers are lighthearted, social people who may be gullible sometimes.

Lying on the side, hands stretched out in front of the chest: These people are said to have an open personality and are slow but rigid decision-makers.

Lying on the back, straight: These people are generally quiet and reserved and have high goals.

Lying on stomach: These people are often outgoing and audacious, and don't like criticism.

Lying on back, hands around the pillow: These sleepers make for good friends as they are good listeners and helpful.

So, do you know your personality any better now?  



Models: (L) Nandita, VI D; (Middle) Gaurav, VI D & (R)Anwik, VI A, AIS MV & All Pics: Shashwat Das, VIII B, AIS Mayur Vihar

To grow or not to grow:
Arpit (L) and Agam (R)



A grown up boy

Arpit Jain & Agam Bedi, AIS MV, V

So who's grown up and who's not? The dilemma takes birth, and continues-

Agam: Hi! I am Agam and this is my friend, Arpit from class V.



Arpit: Now, we are confused whether we are grown ups or not. My grandfather says, "You are a grown up now and can take responsibilities." But at school the senior students say, "You are not big enough and cannot handle all the responsibilities well."

Agam: Exactly! My neighbours say, "You are a grown up, you can help your mother in the kitchen." And when we are watching TV with our parents, they say, "You are not big enough to watch these

TV serials." Seriously?

Arpit: I know. Okay friends now you only tell us, won't you be confused if different people give different opinions about you being a grown up?

Agam: You're right. This is even more difficult than the board exams. How can I decide whether I am grown up or not? Does this happen with you?

Arpit has a little sister in class II and when they fight, his parents tell Arpit that he is grown up and should let his little sister have her way. Agam has an elder sister in class XI and when they fight, his parents tell him that he is not grown up and he is at fault and he should apologise. But Arpit and Agam, both are of the same age. How can one be grown-up and other not?  

A city within a city

Apartments and cooperative societies, mushrooming in the capital represent a mini India, celebrating cultural diversity

Archita Goyal, AIS Mayur Vihar, XII B

From the narrow *galis* of Chandni Chowk to the avenues of Lutyens' Delhi; from the busy markets of Sarojini Nagar to the bravura malls of Saket...for those who claim to know Delhi from top to bottom, please do re-consider for you might be missing the numerous 'cities' within this city - the apartments and cooperative societies which have mushroomed in the capital. Apart from the safety and security that people get in these societies, an assurance that there are people in your immediate vicinity to help you out, always exists.

Everyday is a celebration

Whether it is Sharmaji's daughter's *mehendi* ceremony or the *teej mela*; the people here make it a point to celebrate anything and everything. And when the occasion is festival size; the celebrations reach 'Level grand'. "Diwali celebrations in the society are one of the best time during the year. Burning crackers together with friends is fun", quotes Akshara, XII A, AIS MV.

Cultural potpourri

People from all walks of life - a per-



fect no confusion great combination of culture is like an icing on the cake. At a time, when nations are trying to facilitate cultural understanding, these societies forge bonds in their own way. "We all party together, play together and are together even in times of trouble," quips Palakh, XII A, AIS MV.

Something for everyone

Children enjoy playing all sorts of outdoor games in the playground while the elderly have *bhajan-kirtan* in the society temple. Running kiddos, talking teens, create some sort of liveliness in the aisles of the concrete multi-storey buildings. Go ahead take your pick.

A little downside

Sometimes, too much proximity may mar your privacy. "I feel I lack the privacy which people get in bungalows as one is surrounded by people from all sides," quotes Kush of class XII B, AIS MV. The late night party next door is a hassle when you have an exam the next day!

These cities within Delhi have given an absolutely different concept to the capital, where apart from cattle cars rattling away amongst the rat race of life; the emotions of love, care, companionship do exist.  



Model: Simran Malik, X
Pic: Shashwat Das, VIII B, AIS Mayur Vihar

Becoming the page coordinator for the first time with GT was a great experience. It was like a dream come true. Thank you GT!
Shashwat Das, VIII B, AIS MV, Page Editor



The GT joyride



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Soon after the grand GT Awards ceremony, the young journalists of Amity International Schools are all set to make their editions stand out in one way or the other, right from deciding upon a story to brainstorming in unity for a headline or over an illustration. It is great to see the competitive spirit back in shape among my dear ones.

The Global Times is a platform that each one of you must optimally utilise. With the GT making-a-newspaper contest entering its fourth season, this is indeed a brand new opportunity and a fresh start for you to indulge in some additional brainstorming, pool in brighter ideas, amend your mistakes, explore the journalistic world once again and even learn from your competitors. And I am happy to sense renewed vigour, enthusiasm, hopes and ambitions in the air as the students determine to pick up more awards next year.

But the contest is not about the awards alone. The awards are simply motivation to keep you together and going. Beyond awards, the platform lets you discover what you love doing the most, understand your weakness, tap in your strengths, realise the significance of team work and develop leadership qualities and resourcefulness. The making-a-newspaper contest is food for thought, mind and spirit.

I wish all the AIS teams success and awards in this new season of newspaper making. 🇮🇳

Towards success



Sarita Aggarwal
Principal

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.—Lou Holtz

My dear students, you are bestowed with tremendous potential waiting to be harnessed and honed to its optimum.

Positive thoughts design positive actions. Positive actions decide your destiny. There are raw gems hidden inside each one of you. Polish these gems and brighten up the world with their glow. Your attitude decides your success. Positive attitude creates a positive environment. Positive thoughts are like magnets that attract everything positive around you. This helps you accomplish your goals with ease. The greatest success stories have been created by the people who used the positive power from within. If you think and believe 'you can', you surely can transform all your dreams into reality. Our Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan and our Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan are wonderful examples of this dynamic optimism. They have proved that if we acknowledge the immense power within us, no hurdle, no matter how big, can prevent us from achieving our dreams. Problems and solutions are two sides of the same coin. In every problem lies an opportunity. It is your attitude that decides which side you want to see. No obstacle can block your path, no hurdle can dampen your spirit if you see beyond the problems and decide to take the challenge with a positive spirit.

I congratulate the editorial team of Amity International School Mayur Vihar who have shown such diligence, optimism and dedication in bringing out this special issue. I hope the readers would enjoy reading this edition. 🇮🇳

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On a holy path

Find out about an NGO that has given hope to a village which was downtrodden and neglected once upon a time, but stands strong today as the face of development

Good Samaritan

Shashwat Das, AIS MV, VIII B

Nadha, a small village in Man-gawan district, Madhya Pradesh, was beset with many problems ranging from water shortage to a complete lack of education. Despite there being a *zila panchayat* and a *gram panchayat*, the basic needs of the villagers remained unattended.

As the situation looked grim, a group of individuals united and established the NGO, Holy World Foundation on February 10, 2005, specially set up to look after the development and infrastructure of this small village. With Anand Pidiha as the President, Meeta Ghosh as the Secretary General, Raja Ram Gautam as the Treasurer and Dr S C L Gupta the Medical Director and a



Transforming Nadha: Development initiative by Holy World Foundation

renowned cancer surgeon at Batra hospital, the organization set out to achieve what seemed implausible. Ever since its inception, Holy World

Foundation has made great strides in imparting education to the poor with a special focus on the orphans and the destitutes of Nadha Village. It has set

up hostels, equipped with lodging and food provision facilities for all those who can't afford education. Adult education centres have also been set up in the village with the primary goal of empowering the women.

Apart from imparting education, the NGO has made efforts in uplifting living condition of the villagers by reviving and introducing new systems for safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. The NGO organises timely medical camps that includes vaccinations and health check-ups, ensuring villagers well being. It is also involved in equipping the rural folk with vocational skills like sewing, stitching etc. Nadha's transformation from a down-trodden village to a developing one surely serves as a benchmark, for other villages and more precisely NGOs to emulate. 🇮🇳

Let go, move on!

Illustration: Varnika Gupta, AIS MV, XA

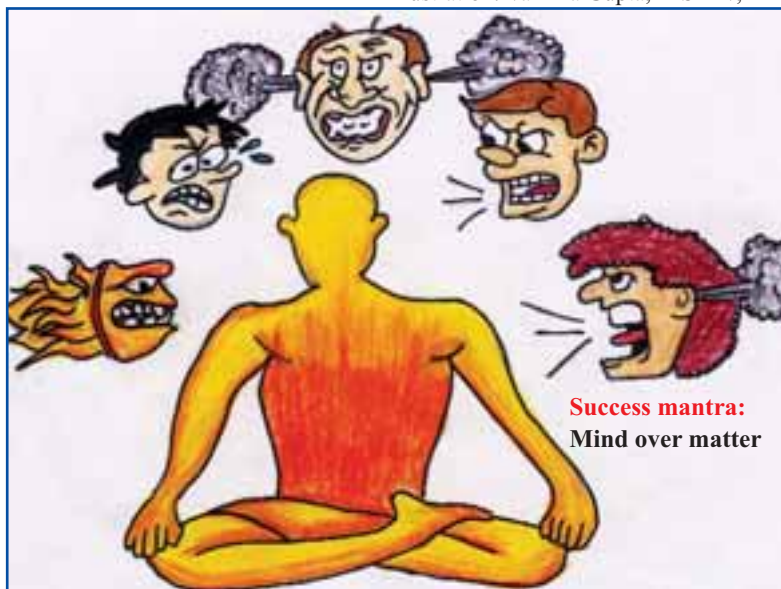
If life throws lemons at you, learn to make a lemonade out of it. Whoever said so, was indeed a wise man

Dhvanii Chawla, AIS MV, VIII D

How many pleasant memories can you recall from your daily life? Well, chances are you are reminded of only a few, but haunted by the unpleasant ones quite often. Unpleasant memories only add to unnecessary baggage that weighs you down and stop you from moving on. This baggage could include feelings of hurt, anger or embarrassment resulting from a fight with friends or being bullied. Here's taking a look at such situations and how to fight them.

Quieten the storm

In a fight with friends, you may have two alternatives- fight or flight. Fighting back would aggravate the situa-



tion, letting feelings of bitterness and sometimes guilt to take over. On the other hand, flight from the situation could lead to confusion and would not put an end to the fight. But how about maintaining self composure during the predicament and returning to your friend to talk it out when calm prevails? That way, we develop mutual trust and understanding with the friend, thereby preserving the relationship and growing as a person.

Offer friendship

Bullying is a common monster that

may haunt us often. When confronted with it, feelings of rejection and anxiety may play constantly on our minds. The confidence levels too may come crashing down. The two alternatives in this situation are - strike or strive. Striking will only strengthen the monster, however striving to offer a hand of friendship with the bullies may knock it down.

The moral of the story quite simply is that it is upto you how you squeeze the maximum out of a bitter or sour situation to make it worth tasting every drop! 🇮🇳

Journos Junction



Archana Upadhyay
Teacher Coordinator

Ever thought of what goes into the making of a daily that we religiously read every morning? There are unsung heroes and untold tales behind every story we read. Grit, perseverance and a grilling schedule fashion out the raw ideas into wonderful stories. The Global Times not only brings this experience to students at a young age, but also prepares them for the challenge called life.

Working for the AIS MV special edition was an experience that we, the AIS MV team, would always cherish. Together, we have come out with stories that cater to interests of all age groups. On the front page, we wish to transport you into an amazing world with the time machine, but with page two we bring you back to reality with news. As India celebrates 2012 as the National Year of Mathematics, we present our educational poster on the significance of mathematics. The Junior and Senior Mosaic pages are dotted with creativity while Bag Pack ensures your rendezvous with wholesome entertainment. Wish you a very happy reading! 🇮🇳

GT M@il

Dear Editor,

Ever since the time I picked up my first copy of the Global Times few years back, I have cherished reading it. The bond with GT has grown as it went from monthly to fortnightly to weekly. GT is always brimming with interesting stories and thought provoking views. I really liked the Independence Day special issue (August 13, 2012) which captured the essence of freedom through pictures. It has given me wings to reach out to the unlimited possibilities. Thanks GT for making me who I am. 🇮🇳

Pankhuri Agrawal

AIS Mayur Vihar, XI B

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Food for thought

How honest are you?

Kanupriya Mittal
AIS Mayur Vihar, X B

- While buying snacks, if the man at the canteen returns 100 rupee extra to you, would you return it?
- If your friend was trying to bunk a class by lying to the teacher regarding his whereabouts, would you support him?
- Your friend makes some changes to the answer sheet and goes back to

Illustration: Varnika Gupta, AIS MV, X A



the teacher saying she didn't give him correct marks, would you speak

up or be a mute spectator to all this?

■ You haven't done your homework and you don't want to go to school the next day fearing the teacher might scold you. Would you present your parents with false excuses for missing school?

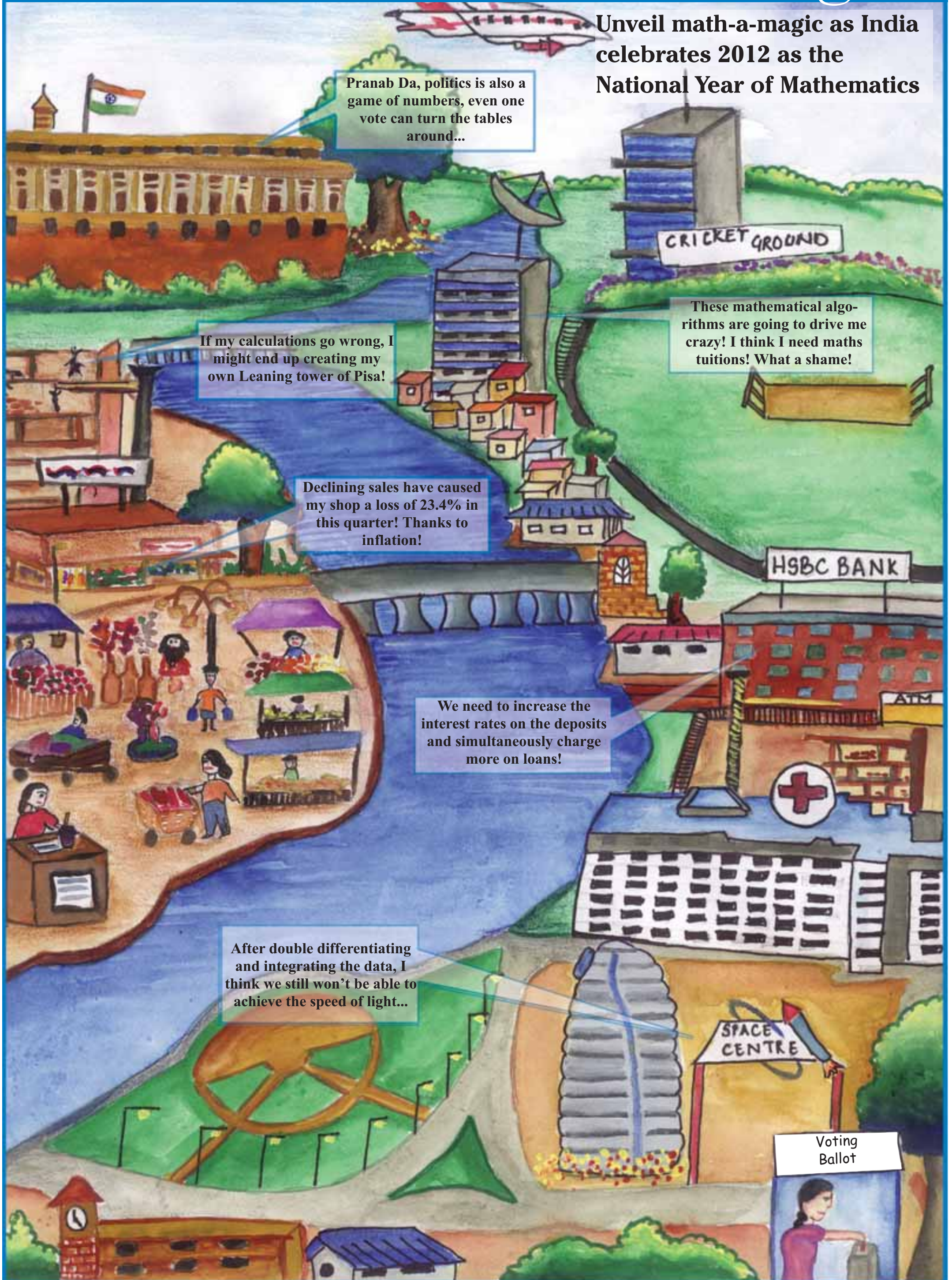
■ And lastly, while answering these questions would you tell your friends that you'd be honest in these situations, even when you wouldn't? Think about it! 🇮🇳



It was a great experience working as a page editor and I loved it.
Varnika Gupta, X A, AIS MV, Page Editor

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Thoda Math Thoda magic!



Working for GT for the first time inspired the writer in me and took me deeper into the fascinating realm of journalism.
Kanupriya Mittal, AIS Mayur Vihar, X B



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Smile, Please

Illustration: Mallika Iyer, AIS MV, X B



STORY WALA

Anusha Vajpayee
AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII D

“I am sorry dear, I cannot do much. Your mother doesn’t have much time,” said the doctor, and Reema felt as if the world had come down crashing upon her. Tears streamed down her face as she thought about a life with no one to share. Her father passed away when she was three

years old. Since then, it was just Reema and her mother. Her mother had been ill for some time, but Reema couldn’t find time to take her to the doctor. And now, time had run out. Her mother was severely ill and Reema could do nothing about it. She felt as if all the happiness had been sucked out of her, leaving her with only sadness. She gingerly turned down the handle of the door as she went to talk to her mother,

You should live every moment to the fullest. You must learn to smile even in the face of death.

probably for the last time. She saw her mother’s face and started crying, but as she wiped her tears, she saw her mother smiling. Bewildered, she asked her mother the reason for this strange reaction. Her mother said calmly, “My dear, you are naive. You must realize that life is very short. If you take refuge in sorrow, your life will be devoid of happiness. You should live every moment to the fullest. You must learn to smile even in the face of death.” With those words of wisdom, her mother closed her eyes, this time for eternity, but her words gave Reema the courage and power to – in her own words – “smile even in the face of death.”



Mahima Ramnani, AIS MV, X B

Ingredients

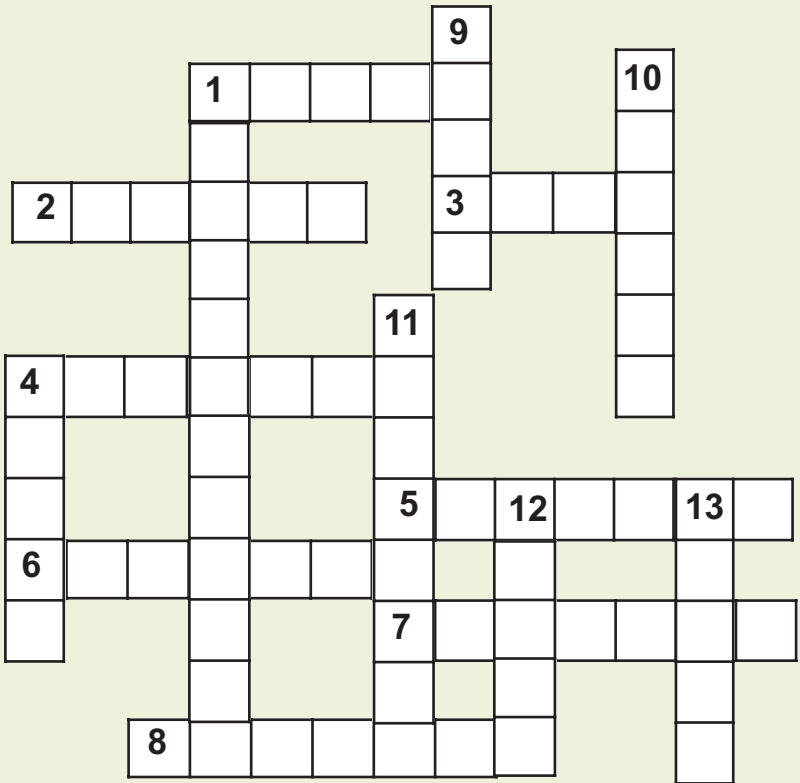
Flour1cup
Walnuts (coarsely chopped) ..1/2cup
Cocoa powder1/2 cup
Baking powder1& 1/2 cup
Curd 1 cup
Sugar3/4 cup
Oil1/2 cup
Soda1/2 tsp
Vanilla essence1 tsp

Method

- Preheat oven at 210 degree Celsius.
- Blend curd and sugar till the sugar

- dissolves completely.
- In a separate bowl, sieve flour and cocoa powder over walnuts.
 - Add baking powder and soda in the curd mixture and mix. Bubbles will form. Leave it aside for 3-4 minutes.
 - Add oil and vanilla essence to the same mixture and leave it aside for another 3-4 minutes.
 - Now mix flour, cocoa and walnuts to the curd mixture. Mix well.
 - Grease baking tray, pour the mixture and bake it at 150 degree Celsius for 25-30 minutes till evenly brown with a firm crust. Your brownie is ready to serve!

Trace the place!



Navjot Singh, AIS MV, XI A work.....(7)

- Across**
- 1.World’s shortest land border is between Morocco and(5)
 - 2.Cannes film festival is held at Cannes,.....(6)
 - 3.If imports from this country are halted, it would threaten the blockage of the Strait of Hormuz..... (4)
 - 4.Panama hats are made in.....(7)
 - 5.....is surrounded by South Africa on all sides(7)
 - 6.....Court in Delhi shares it’s name with a city in Punjab. (7)
 - 7.The only quadri-point present today is between Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and (7)
 - 8.First Indian city to get metro rail net-
- Down**
1. Golden Gate bridge links Marin county to.....in California, US (12)
 9. 2012 is celebrated as the National year of Mathematics in Nigeria and.....(5)
 - 10.2012 Olympics were held at..... (6)
 4. Perfume originated in.....(5)
 - 11.India shares it’s shortest land boundary with(8)
 - 12.As December 29, 2011 ended, this country moved directly to December 31, 2011 missing December 30, 2011entirely..... (5)
 - 13.Port-au-Prince, the capital ofwas destroyed by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010. (5)

Crossword Answers

Across	5.Lesotho	Down	11.Sri Lanka
1.Spain	6.Patjala	1.San Francisco	12.Samoa
2.France	7.Namibia	9.India	13.Haiti
3.Iran	8.Kolkata	10.London	
4.Ecuador		4.Egypt	

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Varnika Gupta
AIS Mayur Vihar, X A



Tongue twisters



Kanupriya Mittal
AIS Mayur Vihar, X B

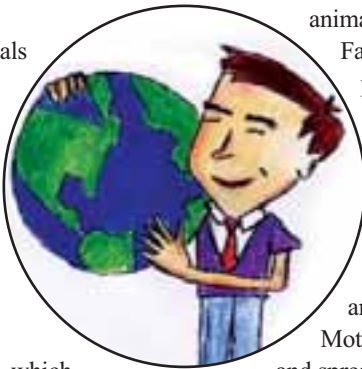
- Sheep should not sleep in a sleek sack.
- Donald dropped the delicious dish on the desk of the dentist.
- Donald ducked as the dentist drilled into the desk to deal with the delicious dish.
- The gardener grew a gigantic ginger to gift it to to the gallant giant; because the gallant giant wanted to gift it to the gorgeous grandma of the giant girl.
- Walter's water bird walked into the wagon in a waist coat to wage a water wrangle with Walter's warrior wife.

Man and Earth

Srishti Prasad
AIS Mayur Vihar, XII A

POEM

There was a big bang,
the universe came into being;
There was a unique Earth,
where life was to be seen.
There were plants & animals
and then they evolved;
Hence came
a super-advanced being,
man he was called.
His brain was a master-
piece, weighing 8 grams;
The smartest of all,
who could create, invent
and better understand.
Then he created machines, which



led to a revolution;
But in the long run,
it caused loads of pollution.
Resources were plundered,
animals ignored;
Factories further
polluted,
buildings soared.
Trees groaned in
pain, fishes
couldn’t breathe;
Birds couldn’t
fly home,
animals grieved.
Mother Earth grew angry,
and spread disasters galore;

The sea lashed its fury,
across the distant shore.
Once nature expressed its wrath,
man could comprehend;
That his ignorance to interdependent ex-
istence, had to come to an end.
And now we stand united,
and sign protocols;
Small contributions are also made,
to respond to Nature’s distress calls.
Now we segregate waste
and save energy too;
Like a responsible son,
for his Mother should do.
We should continue our endeavours,
taking all necessary pains;
So that life on Earth comes
again and again.



Biting into the realm of journalism through GT was a great experience for me as it has equipped me with professionalism.
Rishik Sood, VII C, AIS MV, Page Editor

The tale of the Proud Princess

Wisdom Tales

Anoushka Raj, AIS MV, VII D

Illustration: Dhvanii Chawla, AIS MV, VIII D

Once there lived a king who had a beautiful daughter Minansa, who was full of vanity and pride. One day, as she sat adoring herself before the mirror, she said, "How pretty I look! Why have I not found my prince yet?" Full of nefarious views, she retired to bed with a heavy heart. Soon, she got restless. So she decided to get up and drink a glass of water. But to her horror, she realised that she couldn't move her body at all! She shrieked so loudly that her parents and guards came rushing to her room. When they saw her condition, the doctor was called. He gravely declared, "Minansa has half body paralysis. I can't do anything about it." In fact all the doctors failed. Finally, an ugly man came to cure her all



The princess looked at the mirror and said, "How pretty I look! Why have I not found my prince yet?"

the way from Turkey. He suggested the solution but told the king that after the treatment, Minansa would lose her beauty. The king agreed. After the treatment, Minansa was shocked to see her ugly face. She burst into tears but her father said, "I provided you with everything but it made you conceited." Minansa replied, "No dad, my head was filled with sawdust all through the way but now I will marry the one who cured me." This man turned out to be the prince of Turkey disguised as a doctor. Both got married and Minansa became an honest and kind hearted girl.

So, what did you learn today?
Pride hath its fall.

Vanilla pudding

Shaurya Moharkar with her Vanilla Pudding



Shreya Moharkar

AIS Mayur Vihar, VII B

Ingredients

- Full cream milk.....1 glass
- Eggs.....2
- Sugar.....4tbsp
- Vanilla essence.....few drops

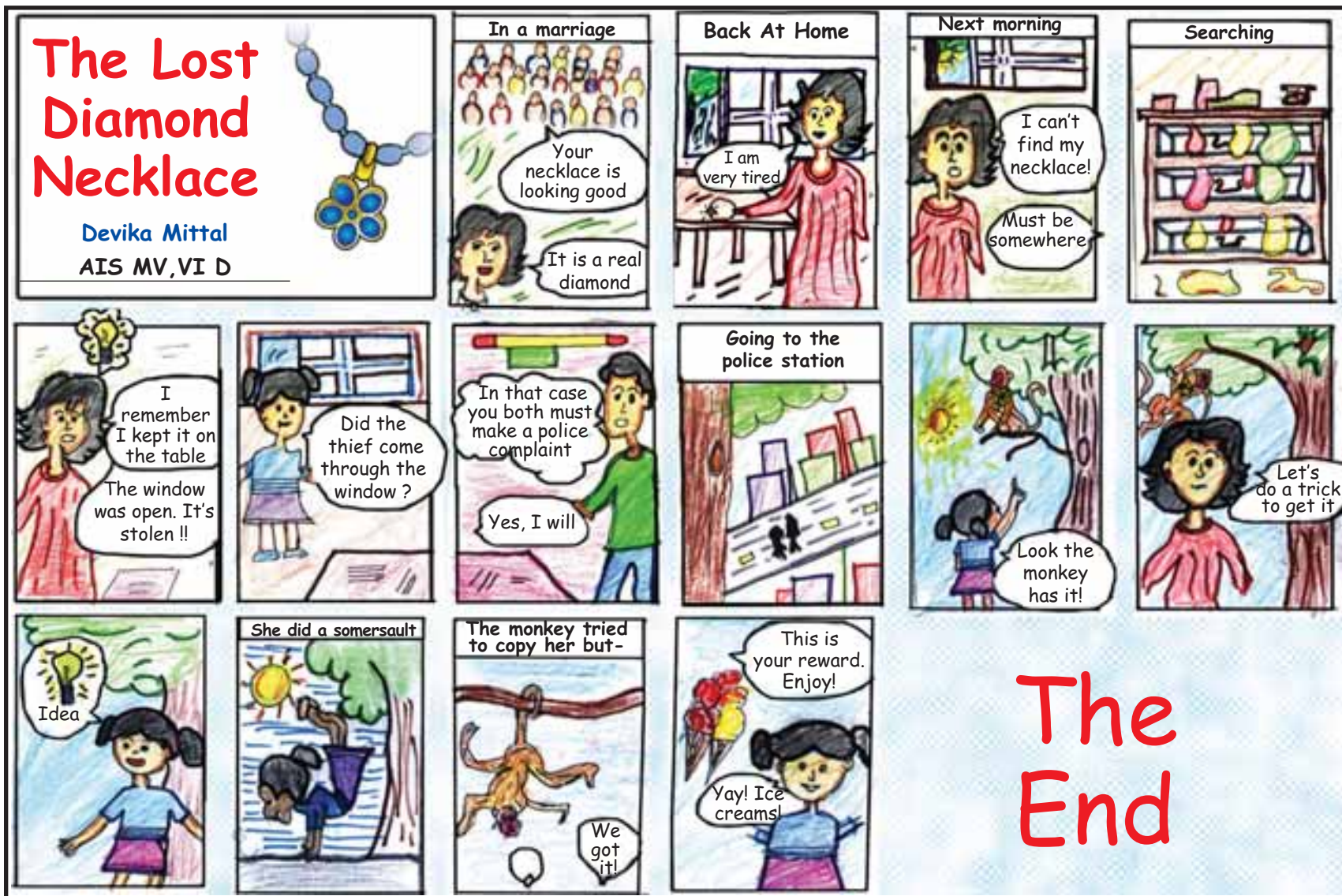
Method

- Boil the milk with 2 tbsp of sugar and let it cool.
- Add 2 beaten eggs and vanilla essence.

- Caramelize 2 tbsp of sugar in a dish.
- Let it cool till the caramelized sugar cracks and gives a crackling sound.
- Pour the milk mixture into the caramelized dish.
- Steam the mixture. To steam, put the pudding dish in a pan of water and cook it for 8 minutes. Just make sure that the water from the pan doesn't spill over to the mixture.
- Once done, let it cool in the refrigerator.
- Unmould it upside down and serve chilled.

The Lost Diamond Necklace

Devika Mittal
AIS MV, VI D



The End

Poem

My Idol, My Father

Anoushka Bisht, AIS MV, V D

The sun who brightens my life is my father.
The moon who shows me the way is my father.
The Earth that makes me stand up independently is my father.
The tide that made me rise up is my father.
Every moment that makes my day is my father.
The word which gave me character is my father.
The bird who taught me to fly high is my father.
The mountain who taught me to stand strong against every easy wrong is my father.
The lotus who taught me to bear friendship is my father.
The friend who is indeed a friend in need is my father.
The pillar who always stood by me is my father.
The book that introduced the world to me is my father.
The identity the world accepts me with is my father.
My idol, my icon, my actor, my director is my father.
My words, my actions; everything I learned from a teacher is my father.
My nature is my father
My future is my father
For me God, the best creation is my father!

Camera Capers

Sarthak Shrivastava, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI A



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Weaving dreams together

ACERT is not just about training but creating a pool of confident individuals who nurture the young ones with love and righteousness

The relationship between a teacher and a student is not only about teaching and learning. It encompasses within itself, a whole range of emotions. A student goes through various kinds of emotional upheavals as anxiety, indecisiveness, peer pressure etc. During this time, one looks up for a helping hand, someone who can guide through the testing times. Amity Center for Educational Research and Training (ACERT) plays a crucial role in preparing such trainers. ACERT offers comprehensive ‘Teacher Training Programmes’ at par with the international standards. It teaches the trainees through classroom activities, various innovative tools, presentations and games. It makes learning fun. Every batch of ACERT trainees comprises people from diverse educational and social backgrounds. The customized class environment caters to the need of every individual. Most women who enroll in the program have professional degrees in different fields with work experience as well, but had to take a



Architects of India’s future

break in their career for personal reasons. The ACERT trainers and administrators guide and counsel them on numerous career opportunities available to them. They help them to evolve as better mothers and mentors for their own children.

Any change, even though for good, brings new dilemmas and challenges. Some of the trainees doubt their capabilities, while some find it difficult to balance the role of homemaker and the new role of a student. During such times, counselling comes handy. The special ‘self awareness’ sessions organised at ACERT helps restore their self belief. The celebration of festivals further creates a strong bond among trainees and also helps to set the right attitudes, cultural sensibilities and sense of mutual respect which they can inculcate in their pupils in future. The skill development programmes in art and craft, personal effectiveness, food & nutrition, music & movement, speech, dramatics, computer application, etc, are conducted at ACERT by experts to add a completely new dimension to the training. Every batch of ACERT, that steps out of the institute lands with lucrative jobs in different schools that gives them a great sense of achievement, fills the vacuum in their lives, ensures financial security and makes them a confident individual.



Parenting workshop in progress

Workshop For Parents

Parent enrichment workshop programmes, an ongoing initiative at ACERT, aims at enabling parents to maximize their sensitive roles and make a difference in their child’s life. The upcoming workshops for the parents are as follows...

Importance of Nutrition in Preschool Children & Mealtime Challenges:

Know the nutritional needs of your child. Bottle-feeding and BBTD (Baby bottle tooth decay), snacking and dental health issues are explained.

Date: Sept 1; Venue: Amiown Vas

Sibling Rivalry: To help parents unearth the myriad reasons for rivalry amongst siblings and suggest ways to promote sibling harmony.

Date: Sept 1; Venue: ACERT Noida

Development of mathematical mind:

Aimed at enhancing the logical-mathematical intelligence, the workshop sharpens problem-solving skills, precision and number skills of children.

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Success Story

ACERT endorses thorough professional standards by providing placement opportunities with the best in the industry

Success and ACERT have become synonymous with each other and this was proved yet again with the placements of the ACERT batch 2011-12 of Pushp Vihar, Gurgaon and Noida. Every school looks for the right teachers, caregivers who have an in-depth knowledge and great skills to teach children and those who can gel with the philosophy and culture of the school. So is the case with Amiown - the caring Pre-School of Amity and Amity International Schools. Home groomed and professionally trained teachers from ACERT have been the first choice of visionary Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown.

This year ACERT had one more reason to cheer as recruitments of the trainees was done right at the ACERT campuses, a phenomenon common to business schools but totally unheard at Teacher Training institutes. The campus recruitment at ACERT was done with great enthusiasm. The representatives of various schools came and selected the teachers through proper rounds of interview, presentations and discussions. Apart from Amity schools, ACERT trainees got placements in other high profile schools like GD Goenka, Manav Rachna, DPS, KR Managlam, Heritage School, Gyan Bharti, Excelsior American, Shalom Hills, Meenakshi World School, Lotus Valley and Sanskriti, to name a few.



ACERT writing a new success story



I've said it before and I say it again. GT is family!
Ishita Bedi, XI, AIS MV
 Page Editor

A job well done. Working with the contest edition is always a delight!
Sarthak Batra, XII, AIS MV
 Graphic Designer

AIS Saket

Set for space

Participation in the International Space Settlement Design Competition at NASA, Houston left the Amitians enriched



Proud Amitians who took NASA by storm

After emerging as the unbeatable winners of the Asian Region semi finals of the International Space Settle Design competition held at Gurgaon in January, 2012, AIS Saket kept the Amity flags flying high at Johnson Space Centre (NASA), Houston. A team of 12 little geniuses from AIS Saket gave a tough competition to 16 teams from across the world from July 27-30, 2012 to emerge as the first run-

ner up in a competition billed tough. The competition saw the 16 international teams make four companies by involving four teams each. The team from Amity Saket had to work in tandem with a team from Argentina and two from USA. The team decided to name their company 'Dougeldyne Astrosystem & Flechtel constructors'. The team was assigned the herculean task to design a settlement hovering in

Little scientists

- Nikhil Nayar
- Ayush Agarwal
- Shantanu Jain
- Akshat Boobna
- Kirn Hans
- Varun Shridhar
- Jalendu Dhamija
- Shreshth Garg
- Vipanchi Handa
- Kirandeep Singh
- Yash Choudhary
- Sahir Sharma

the atmosphere of Venus called 'Asimov'. The settlement was supposed to play home to a population size of over 12,500 by the year 2087. It was also supposed to mimic the earth.

It took 48 hours for the entire project to be assembled and submitted to Anita Gale, the chief organizer of the competition. The next round of the competition involved making a detailed but crisp presentation about the project and also answer a volley of challenging and tough questions posed by the judges. After a rigorous round of question and answers Dougeldyne Astrosystem & Flechtel constructors' was declared the first runners up in a glittering ceremony held on July 30. The students also enjoyed a tour to Johnson Space Centre, NASA, Houston (USA). 🇺🇸🇮

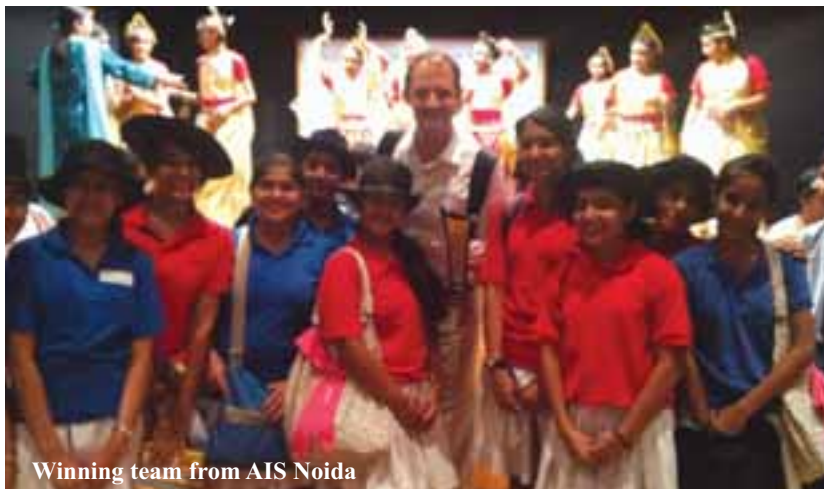


Dr Amita Chauhan blessing the meritorious students

Felicitating Amity gems

Amity International School, Saket felicitated the meritorious students of classes X and XII (2011-12 session) in a grand ceremony on July 20, 2012. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools; TP S Chauhan, Senior Advisor; B N Bajpai, Advisor R&D Amity Group of Schools and Dr Rekha Ranade, Principal AIS Saket amidst the chanting of shlokas. Dr Ranade in her address to the august gathering spoke at length about the bril-

liant performance of the class X and XII students in the CBSE examination. This was followed by felicitation of class X students who had scored a perfect CGPA of 10 and class XII students who had scored above 90 %. The event also saw faculty members being honoured. The Chairperson also applauded the students for their glorious achievements and blessed them for their future endeavours. The event concluded with students and parents sharing their experiences, trials and tribulations with the audience. 🇺🇸🇮



Winning team from AIS Noida

Singing to glory

AIS Noida

Prachi Gupta, AIS Noida, IX B

Amity International School, Noida defeated 12 schools from across Delhi and Noida at the inter school French song competition organized at Ahlcon Public School, Mayur Vihar to lift the coveted trophy on July 27, 2012. The competition which was presided by judges and maestros from different fields began with the lighting of the lamp by the guests and school Principal. All the participants had

put in a lot of hard work to prepare for the competition. The team from Amity was excited and nervous at the same time. The team consisting of 10 students had put their heart and soul while practicing for the competition under the guidance of their French teacher Shama Bhatnagar. They performed the song Printemps by Coeur de Pirate which was appreciated by one and all present. Everyone had butterflies in the stomach before the results were announced, but the moment the judges announced that AIS Noida had bagged the first prize the entire gathering jumped in joy. 🇺🇸🇮

Strengthening global ties

The 19 member US delegation got a taste of Indian way of life during the cultural exchange program

AIS Gurgaon 46

Amity International School, Gurgaon 46 played host to 20 US students who arrived in India on July 3, 2012 to get adept with rich and diverse culture of India under the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program. The program, a visionary initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of School in its third year, is aimed at nurturing global citizens and is organized by Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) along with AFS. The delegation was not only given lessons in Hindi but were also introduced



Singing a global tune

to the likes of Indian music and dance. The students attended school everyday where they were taught under the specially designed curriculum. The programme was jointly coordinated by Pooja Puri, Headmistress, Sonia Jagga, Event Coordinator, Stephanie Murimurua and J. P Das from The American Centre. Yoga, Indian cooking, art, theatre and story telling were some other activities that kept the students busy. The students also interacted with Amitasha students under the community service program. The families of AIS students played host to the delegates for six weeks where they got an opportunity to revel in the warm

Indian hospitality and also go for outings to various well known locales. "India is extremely hot, awesome, beautiful, inimitable, crazy, 'spicy' and very different from the US, and we loved our stay over here," Leah Everist, Tani Cohn and Joseph Pederson shared in unison. Before the culmination of their trip, on August 13 the US delegation students presented a colourful cultural program. The highlight of the program was a skit depicting the relationship between Lord Krishna and his friend Sudama. Dressed in fineries, the students presented a Gujarati song, yoga and also danced to famous Bollywood numbers. The visit left the students enriched. 🇺🇸🇮

Innovation at its best

AIS Mayur Vihar

Srishti Prasad and Harshit Gupta of class XII of Amity International School, Mayur Vihar did their school proud by qualifying for the national level of CBSE Science exhibition. The duo made a project titled 'Eco-e: A substitute to conventional electric cars'. The eco friendly electric cars designed by them produce minimal e-waste as compared to conventional cars. The car boasts of several innovations like transmission-cum-differential system, linear



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steering, low maintenance costs and resource efficiency through eco-friendly technologies. About 98 schools partici-



pated in the competition held at Mt. Abu Public School. Fifteen schools made it to the national level. 🇺🇸🇮

Jai Shri Krishna

AIS Saket

Fun and fervour marked the Janamashtami celebrations at the primary wing of AIS Saket. The school celebrated Lord Krishna's birthday in their own special way on August 9, 2012. It was a pleasure to see the tiny tots dressed up as Krishna, Radha and gopis. The special assembly saw a small skit and dance being presented by the primary students. The students brought alive chapters from Lord Krishna's life. The students not only enjoyed getting



their photographs clicked they also relished the delicious food served to them. What multiplied their joy was the bansuri, given away as a gift. 🇺🇸🇮



Panya Baldia, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI C

Barney Stinson
Want to learn some tips to stay amazingly chipper? He's your man from 'How I met your mother'

☞ **When I am sad, I stop being sad and be awesome instead.** ☞
The first rule to make the Barney rule book; follow this and awesomeness is all you'll have.

☞ **Suit up!** ☞
If you look good, you feel even better. It's a win-win situation either way.

☞ **It's gonna be legen-wait for it-DARY!** ☞
This long falsetto is not only exuberant but will remain cool till the end of the world. Create your own.

It's my second year at The Global Times and, (*cue music*) I am lovin' it.
Panya Baldia, XI C, AIS MV, Page Editor

Contest Edition

Philosophy 101

quote style

Ever thought that the hilarious statements of these amazing characters could churn out amazing philosophy? Well, it can! Real true story, people.

Neal Caffrey
A con artist turned FBI consultant in 'White collar' with a conscience, mixed with impulsiveness.

☞ **Mi casa es su casa** ☞
The Latin phrase meaning 'my house is your house' is refreshing to hear in today's world. And to be honest, a cooler substitute for make yourself at home.

☞ **If you want a happy ending, it depends on where you stop the story.** ☞
This simply means that if you haven't got your happy ending yet, *picture abhi baki hai mere dost.*

☞ **We can't change the direction of the winds, but we can adjust the sails.** ☞
Employment at the 'Worrywart Pvt Ltd' doesn't cover the money, a stroke is going to cost you. So, why not volunteer at the 'Carpe Diem Society' and live life king size?

Sheldon Cooper
This humanly impossible genius of 'The Big Bang theory' can be helpful (read inspirational).

☞ **Bazingaa!** ☞
Whether it is switching sugar for salt or scaring the living daylights out of someone by a simple boo, practical jokes keep life interesting. Moreover, now you even have an amazing phrase to end it with.

☞ **I am not insane! My mother had me tested** ☞
Normal + A Tablespoon of Crazy = A Happening day

Crazy + A Tablespoon of Normal = Never ending Awesomeness! (*the barney falsetto*) Being sane is too mainstream people.

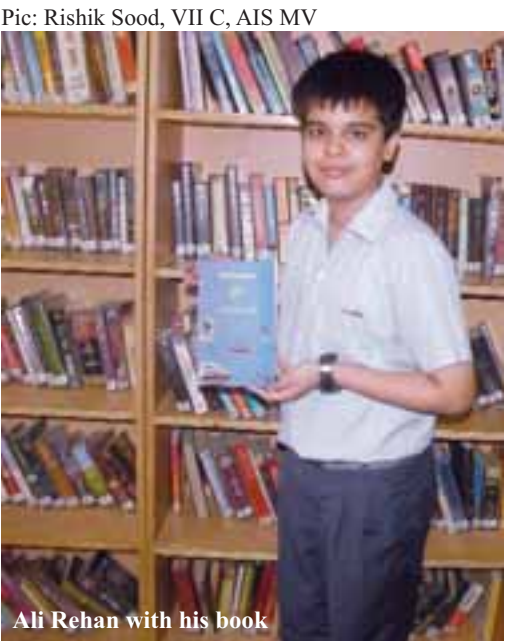
☞ **It's very simple. Scissors cuts paper, paper covers rock, rock crushes lizard, lizard poisons Spock, Spock smashes scissors, scissors decapitates lizard, lizard eats paper, paper disproves Spock, Spock vaporizes rock, and—as it always has—rock crushes scissors.** ☞
The one thing this guy will be remembered for, is his version of stone paper scissors, if only we had his memory to memorise the whole thing. *sigh* 🇮🇳

Our Indian counterparts are no less

- ☞ *Rishte mein toh hum tumhare baap lagte hai. Naam hai shehenshah.* (Relation wise I am your father. My name is emperor.)
- ☞ *Mogambo khush hua* (Mogambo likey!)
- ☞ *Arrey o' Samba, Kitne aadmi the?* (Wasn't Simba in the Lion King?)
- ☞ *Bade bade shehron mein aisi choti choti baten hoti rehti hai.* (Big big towns, small small talks, happens.)
- ☞ *Don ko pakadna mushkil hi nahi namumkin hai.* (Chasing the sun is too mainstream?)



C5 Introduced



Simran Malik, AIS Mayur Vihar, X A

12 is an age when boys are carefree, interested only in sports, while books are something they generally try to stay away from. But at this tender age, a student of AIS Mayur Vihar, with his friends as protagonists, has written the book "C5 Introduced". Yes! You read it right, WRITTEN a book. Meet Ali Rehan, the author of the book and his protagonist friends - Daksh, Parth, Ekagra and Arunabh. The stories in the book take the C5 through exciting adventures as soldiers, astronauts and even as underwater explorers. As they joke and giggle amongst themselves, we get them involved in a string of Q n' A.

How did you come about with the idea of writing your own book?

Where even seniors shy away from showcasing their writing skills, Ali Rehan, of class VII has written an entire book!

Ali: Once while returning from Pizza Hut, my mother, tired of my complaints about the ever present company of boredom, suggested that I give my writing skills a shot. I considered it for a while and then scribbled a story here and there, which ultimately culminated into a whole book!

Considering you are still very young, did you face any problems in getting the book published?
Ali: Initially, because of my young age, people lacked faith in my writing. But I had that nothing-is-impossible attitude and with a little help from my friends, it just happened.

Who are your inspirations?
In a very enthusiastic chorus: Jeff Kinney the writer of the series Diary of a Wimpy kid!
Ali: I also like Dan Brown. I have read all his books (proudly).

Was there a change in the attitude of people around you, post the release of the book?
Ekagra: Yes, after reading the book our friends started thinking of us as very 'cool'.
Parth: We also got noticed and praised by teachers.

Do you plan to write anymore books?
Ali: I have written another story- C5 as Street Racers, which is about to be published. 🇮🇳

ALBUM PREVIEW

It's all Redddddd!!!

Kanupriya Mittal, AIS Mayur Vihar, X B

All those of you who can't get enough of country music's best face, Taylor Swift, here's good news. The hit maker announced the release of her fourth studio album - RED on October 22, dropping the bomb in style. The 22 year old diva broke the news via a live worldwide You Tube chat along with a gathering of her biggest fans in Nashville. She announced that the album is titled RED, revealing the reason for the same was the experiences she's had in the past two years. She said that the recent years, had been those of confusion and frustration, which in her mind were all red. The multiple grammy award winner gave away the name of the first single from the album - 'We are never ever getting back together'. The track was subsequently released on iTunes, instantly becoming a smash hit, debuting at No.1 in 25 countries. She also revealed that there will be a total of 16 tracks on the album, her highest yet. Taylor who is known to write her own songs said in an interview to MTV, "To be honest most of the songs on "RED" are sad." With "fearless" being her best album yet, we wonder whether RED can take that throne, but only time will tell. Till then all swifties will have to wait for October! 🇮🇳

All time Taylor hits

🎵 Love Story	2006
🎵 You belong with me	2008
🎵 Fifteen	2008
🎵 Mean	2010
🎵 Back to December	2010